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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMY POWER BARGE

DOD/ISA FOR ASST. SEC. MC AULIFFE

FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 5897

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM JULIO SAURI, CDE HEAD, CONFIRMING THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE USE OF POWER BARGE WEBER UNDER THE CONDITIONS WHICH EMBASSY HAD DESCRIBED (I.E. COSTS AS ESTIMATED IN PREVIOUS CABLES FROM DEPT). THE LETTER ALSO CONFIRMS THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS AUTHORIZED THE SENDING OF A THREE MAN TEAM (AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, A MECHANIC, AND A NAVAL OFFICER) TO INSPECT THE SHIP. SAURI INQUIRES WHEN AND WHERE HE SHOULD SEND THE INSPECTION TEAM IN ORDER THAT THE GODR MAY REACH A FINAL DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE BARGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: I AM CONFIDENT THAT APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF THE POWER BARGE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE
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NOT RPT NOT RAISE DOMINICAN HOPES ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY

ONLY TO FIND THAT FOR SOME REASON WE CANNOT MAKE THE BARGE
AVAILABLE TO THEM. TO PERMIT THE DOMINICAN TEAM TO INSPECT
THE BARGE WILL BE TAKEN BY THE GODR THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE
IT AVAILABLE TO THEM IF THEY FIND THAT IT MEETS THEIR
REQUIREMENTS. OUR EFFORTS TO CAUTION THEM THAT NO FINAL U.S.
DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED, IF NONE HAS BEEN REACHED PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL IN U.S. OF DOMINICAN TEAM, WILL BE UNAVAILING, SO
DESPERATE IS THE ELECTRICITY SITUATION. THEREFORE, I WOULD
STRONGLY URGE THAT A POSITIVE DECISION BE REACHED IN THE
COUNCILS OF THE USG WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS SO THAT
WHEN THE WEBER ARRIVES IN NORFOLK MID-MONTH, THE DOMINICAN
TEAM CAN BE DESPATCHED AT ONCE THUS SAVING TIME, A FACTOR
OF CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT IN THIS SITUATION.
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